

Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Council Meeting  
Thursday, March 13, 2014  
10:00 am

Members Present

Bill Bogdan, (Chairperson)  
Diana Braun  
Kevin Casey  
Brian Dixon  
Melanie Fleenor  
Susan Fonfa  
Deb Goodman  
Brad Guidi  
JJ Hanley  
Abbey Heins  
Cheryl Jansen  
Mary Mayes  
Jose Mendez  
Jose Ovalle  
Mary Spriggs-Ploessl  
Barbara Pritchard  
Mary Kay Rizzolo  
Randy Staton  
Marc Staley  
Julie Stover  
Susan Williams

Members Absent

Cathy Christensen  
Bonnie Dohogne  
Trevor Halfacre  
Mario Johnson  
Vincent Smith  
Jeff Stauter  
Dan Winters  
Michael Wonderlich

Guests

Sandy Ginter  
Mary Milburn  
Lois Moorman  
Carol Rosen

Staff Present

Val Elzy  
Margie Harkness  
Janinna Hendricks  
Vanessa Morris  
Sandy Ryan

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**AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order**

The Council Meeting for the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities was held on March 13, 2014. Bill Bogdan, Chairperson presiding and Sandy Ryan, Program & Policy Director present. Chairperson Bogdan called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. The Chairperson welcomed new Council members JJ Hanley and Jose Mendez to the Council.

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**AGENDA ITEM: 1<sup>st</sup> Consent Agenda**

Motion: Approve minutes from the November 7, 2013 Council Meeting.  
Accept minutes from September 11, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting.  
Approve final reports from the Arc of Illinois Outreach and Support of Closure and DePaul University/Special Education Advocacy.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Chairperson's Report**

The Chairperson reported on Council membership and welcomed JJ Hanley and Jose Mendez to their first Council meeting. A third member was appointed to the Council but resigned due to a conflict of interest. Carol Rosen a potential Council member attended the meeting as a guest.

Chairperson Bogdan awarded a plaque to Mary Milburn for her service on the Council from 1997-2013. He also welcomed Ms. Milburn's replacement, Susan Fonfa as the new representative for Healthcare and Family Services (HFS).

The Committee assignment is listed in the Council packet. The Chairperson reported that the Committee preferences were based on each Council member's first choice. Merlin Lehman agreed to serve as a Committee member for the Community Inclusion and Housing Committee. Helen Kauffman declined an invitation to serve on a committee. The Chairperson reported that there is one vacant seat on the Executive Committee that needs to be filled.

The Director's annual evaluation form for 2014 is in the Council packet. Forms are to be submitted by April 11, 2014. The Executive Committee will review the results of the evaluation at the 2014 May Executive Committee meeting.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Director's Report**

Sandy Ryan gave the Director's report for Director Sheila Romano. Ms. Ryan reported on recent staff updates. Lia Ghelaidos had her son, Daniel. Pam Gorbett continues to be on medical leave. The Council has hired a temp, Marcia Reavis, to assist in the Springfield office during this time.

The Governor's new Chief of Staff is Ryan Croke. Samantha Fields has been assigned to assist the Council with day to day activities.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has published new rules related to the definition of a home and community based setting for Medicaid waiver services. These rules go into effect on March 17, 2014. All places in which Home and Community Based Services are provided must meet the requirements of the new rules.

The Alliance has been working on a Waiver amendment for a service called Self Directed Living. The amendment was submitted on March 11, 2014.

The Council recently submitted the annual Program Performance Report (PPR). The Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities has developed new ways of measuring progress for Councils across the country. Illinois has been selected to participate in a pilot workgroup to test these measures. Margie Harkness will be the lead staff member for the Council representing Illinois.

The legislative report was provided in the supplemental folder.

The Going Home Campaign, a Council funded project, will hold an Advocacy Day on March 26, 2014 in Springfield at the Capitol from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Council members interested in attending will need to register to attend the event, but if you need a hotel room contact Council staff to book hotel reservations.

Illinois continues to move forward in its submission of an 1115 Waiver.

Janinna Hendricks reported on the financial report. The Council is continuing to work on expending our funds. Ms. Hendricks also reported that all Councils will receive level funding for the 2015 federal budget.

Margie Harkness reported that the Governor's Employment and Economic Opportunity taskforce is working on an Executive Order related to Employment First. The Governor's office is completing a final review.

Sandy Ryan provided information on the Council's investment with the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS). The expected outcome of this project is to improve the Independent Service Coordination (ISCs) system. The project has been named "The Life Choices Project".

Sandy Ryan discussed a potential new project for the Council that will focus on building capacity among service providers. The Executive Committees is having discussions related to a potential Call for Investment (CFI) development.

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#### **AGENDA ITEM: Department on Aging Presentation**

Chairperson Bogdan introduced the presenter, Lois Moorman with the Illinois Department on Aging (DOA). Ms. Moorman's presentation focused on adult protective services in Illinois.

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#### **AGENDA ITEM: Conflict of Interest Policy**

Janinna Hendricks reviewed the Conflict of Interest Policy. Council members and staff should read the Conflict of Interest Policy and return the completed form to Val Elzy.

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#### **AGENDA ITEM: Old Business**

Margie Harkness reported on the State Plan. A copy of the State plan status is provided in the Council packet.

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#### **AGENDA ITEM: New Business**

Sandy Ryan reported on the Consumer Stipend project that will end in December 2014. The Executive Committee is evaluating the project to determine next steps.

Janinna Hendricks reported on the Council's Biennial Audit. The full report was emailed to Council members and a few copies are available for Council members to review. The Council had no material findings, which is the third consecutive Biennial Audit the Council had with no

material findings. Ms. Hendricks reported that the Council did have five non-reportable immaterial findings and those had been addressed.

Council members in April will receive their Statement of Economic Interest forms to complete. The forms must be completed and returned to Janinna Hendricks.

Ms. Hendricks reviewed the Revolving Door Policy which was in the supplemental folder.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Committee Reports**

No Committee Reports.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Agency Reports**

Melanie Fleenor reported for the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). ISBE has gone through some staff changes over the past few months.

Mary Spriggs-Ploessl reported for the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). DDD continues to wait on results from the courts regarding Murray Developmental Center (MDC). The transition of residents from MDC is continuing. In addition, the Community Resource Associates (CRA) are continuing with their assessment of residents from MDC to transition them into the community.

Mary Milburn reported for Susan Fonfa for Healthcare and Family Services (HFS). HFS has been working along with DDD on the DD waiver amendments. The capacity of adult waivers will increase over the next two years to include members of Ligas.

Mary Kay Rizzolo reported for the University of Illinois at Chicago/Institute on Disability and Human Development (IDHD). The Sibling Leadership will hold a Sibling Policy Forum to be held on Saturday, March 15, 2014 from 9:30am to 2:30pm at The Autism Program of Illinois in Springfield. Also, IDHD recently created a two page brief on the transition of JDC residents into the community.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Announcements**

Diana Braun announced that a new film on her life will be released soon, which she would like to have Council members view once released.

Abbey Heins announced that she is excited to be back after a year of being away for medical treatment.

Brad Guidi reported on the continuing expansion of Camp Big Sky. In addition, he is excited on the growth of their community garden project.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn**

Motion: Motion to adjourn at 12:57 pm

Made by: Marc Staley

Second: Barbara Pritchard

Vote: Motion carried unanimously

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